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SUBJECT: STATUS OF MARYKNOLL MISSIONARY

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED INQUIRY JULY 28 FROM MARYKNOLL HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK, ABOUT VISA STATUS OF FATHER MARTIN LOWERY, OF PARISH IN PUP'YONG, (NEAR INCH'ON), KYONGGI-DO. LOWERY TELEPHONED NEW YORK TO REPORT TEN DAYS HAS ELAPSED SINCE HE APPLIED FOR RENEWAL OF HIS VISA, SO THAT HE MAY ATTEND MEETING IN NEW YORK STARTING AUGUST FIRST AND RETURN TO KOREA WITHOUT NEED TO APPLY FOR A VISA FROM ABROAD. IN VIEW OF HIS WORK WITH CHRISTIAN YOUTH WORKERS IN INCH'ON AND HIS PUBLIC SIGNATURE OF VARIOUS STATEMENTS, LOWERY REPORTEDLY FEARS THAT HIS LONG WAIT FOR VISA APPROVAL MAY REFLECT A ROKG "STRATEGY OF ATTRITION," WHEREBY HE MAY BE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN LEAVING IN TIME FOR HIS MEETING AND OBTAINING A VISA EXTENSION.

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2. MARYKNOLL SOURCE GUESSED THAT LOWERY, WHO HAS SPENT TEN YEARS IN KOREA, WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HIS MOST RECENT VISA EXTENSION WITHIN PAST SIX MONTHS, AS HE IS ONE OF SEVERAL ON LIMITED RENEWALS OF 3-6 MONTHS, BECAUSE OF HIS UNUSUALLY VOCAL SUPPORT OF WORKERS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH

EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN ON LOWERY'S SITUATION. VANCE

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